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In re application of: *Zissimos Mourelatos et al.*

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Title: **SHORT INTERFERING RNA AND MICRO-RNA COMPOUNDS AND
METHODS OF DESIGNING, MAKING AND USING THE SAME**

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to Restriction Requirement dated July 6, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

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